CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claim 19.

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Please amend claims 1, 11-18, and 20-29 as follows below.

- 1. (Currently Amended) Electromotive drive
 comprising:
- a housing, which has having a shaft support, in which the shaft of a rotor is rotationally mounted;
- a stator having drive windings, said stator being traversed and retained by the shaft support, whereby the stator is substantially retained in only <u>a</u> transversal direction by the shaft support and <u>is</u> connected with the remaining housing for transmission of torque in rotationally fixed manner; and
- a base plate upon which the stator is arranged, said base plate being designed fastened to the housing and formed as a punched-out grid whereby transmission of a torque moment from the stator to motor housing occurs via the base plate fastened in the housing.
 - 11. (Currently Amended) An electromotive drive
 comprising:
 - a housing having an upwardly extending shaft support;
 - a base plate essentially rigidly attached to the
 5 housing;
 - a stator which essentially surrounds surrounding the shaft support, and said stator further being essentially rigidly attached to the base plate whereby torque transmission occurs from the stator to the housing across through the base plate;
 - a shaft rotatably arranged within the shaft support; and,

- a rotor essentially rigidly attached to the shaft and essentially surrounding the stator; and
- a coupling which couples the stator with the shaft support, said coupling being essentially incapable of transmitting torque therebetween.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 10 11, further including a resilient member disposed wherein a gap is formed between an inner wall of the stator and an outer wall of the shaft support whereby a gap is created between the stator and the shaft support.
 - 13. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 11, wherein the coupling includes further including a viscous medium disposed in the gap.
 - 14. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim $\frac{11}{12}$, wherein the coupling includes grease material disposed in the gap.
 - 15. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 11 12, wherein the coupling includes further including at least one flexible element which essentially bridges the gap.
 - 16. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim $\frac{14}{15}$, wherein the at least one flexible element includes a vibration damping element.
 - 17. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim $\frac{14}{15}$, wherein:

grooves are provided in the outer wall of the shaft support; and,

- 5 the at least one flexible element includes an O-ring retained in said grooves.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 10 11, wherein the base plate includes torque coupling means disposed essentially underneath adjacent the base plate for torque coupling between the base plate and the housing.

19. (Canceled)

- 20. (Previously Added) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 17, wherein the base plate further includes a punched-out grid.
- 21. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 19 20, wherein the means for torque coupling means further includes at least one conductor tract of the punched-out grid.
- 22. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim $\frac{20}{21}$, wherein the conductor tract additionally serves for establishing electrical contact between the housing and the stator.
- 23. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 21 22, wherein the base plate further includes a plastic extrusion coating.
- **24.** (Currently Amended) An electromotive drive comprising:

a housing;

having an upwardly extending

- 5 <u>a</u> shaft support <u>extending from said housing;</u>
 - a base plate essentially rigidly directly attached to the housing;
- a stator which essentially surrounds the shaft support, the stator and spaced apart from the shaft support together defining a gap therebetween, the stator further being essentially rigidly directly attached to the base plate and not directly attached to the housing;
 - a shaft rotatably arranged <u>disposed</u> within the shaft support;
- a rotor essentially rigidly attached to <u>with</u> the shaft and essentially surrounding the stator; and
- a coupling which couples resilient member disposed between the stator with and the shaft support, said coupling being essentially incapable of transmitting torque therebetween.
 - 25. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 23 24, wherein the coupling resilient member includes a viscous medium disposed in the gap.
 - 26. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 23 24, wherein the coupling resilient member includes at least one O-ring arranged in the gap.
 - 27. (Currently Amended) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 23 24, wherein the coupling resilient member includes a vibration damping means for damping vibrations of said stator.
 - 28. (Currently Amended) A pump motor, operant operative in conjunction with a pump for a hydraulic system of a motor vehicle, the pump motor comprising:

- a housing having an upwardly extending including an
 5 elongate shaft support;
 - a base plate essentially rigidly attached to the housing;
 - a stator essentially rigidly attached to the base plate and essentially surrounding the shaft support;
- a base plate connecting the stator with the housing to provide dampening between the stator and the housing;
 - a shaft rotatably arranged in rotatable within the shaft support;
- a rotor essentially rigidly attached to <u>with</u> the shaft 15 and essentially surrounding the stator; and
 - a <u>flexible</u> coupling <u>disposed</u> between the stator and the shaft support, <u>said coupling being flexible and essentially non-rigid</u>.
 - 29. (Currently Amended) The pump motor as set forth in claim $\frac{27}{28}$, wherein:

the stator and the shaft support together define a gap therebetween; and

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